

# The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners

**SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONERS ALAN B. ARMIJO, TERESA CÓRDOVA, E. TIM CUMMINS, DEANNA ARCHULETA-LOESER AND MICHAEL BRASHER**

**WHEREAS**, Alex R. Garcia was born on June 17, 1941 in Albuquerque, N.M., to Sam and Isabel Garcia and was the first of three children; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a graduate of Albuquerque High School, the New Mexico Military Academy, US Army Air Defense Artillery School, US Army Command and General Staff College, National Defense University, and has earned a bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from National College and is a graduate of Harvard University’s JFK School of Government National and International Security Course; and

**WHEREAS**, he joined the New Mexico Army National Guard at age 17 and he served with leadership, courage, and kindness in the New Mexico Army National Guard for 42 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he rose to the rank of Brigadier General in 1994 and served in active duty from 1979 through 1992; retired on his birthday in 2001, and was subsequently promoted to Major General; and

**WHEREAS**, he was highly decorated by the U.S. military with a Meritorious Service Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, an Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, an Armed Forces Reserve Medal, a New Mexico Distinguished Service Medal, an Army Service Ribbon and an Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon. Mr. Garcia is also the recipient of the Albuquerque High School Distinguished Graduate Award, the prestigious Vietnam Veterans’ “Profiles in Courage” award, and the Buffalo Soldier Award; and

**WHEREAS**, he married Dolores in 1961 and they have four children, Alex, Jr., Delia, Sammy, and Steven, and 11 grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia faithfully served his community. He was a member of the Governor’s Drug Enforcement Advisory Council, the National Guard Association of the United States, the Military Order of World Wars, the Air Defense Artillery Association, and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. He also started New Mexico’s Red Ribbon Drug Awareness campaign (observed every October) with then Governor Bruce King in 1990; served on the Boards of Directors of the New Mexico Police Athletic League and the New Mexico Senior Olympics, and is listed in “Who’s Who in Western America,” and

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson named Albuquerque’s National Guard Armory after him on March 6, 2006.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bernalillo County Board of Directors does hereby extend its heartfelt thanks for the lifelong contributions of Alex R. Garcia.

**DONE**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006 in the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Alan B. Armijo, Chair**

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**Teresa Córdova, Vice Chair**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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**E. Tim Cummins, Member**

**Mary Herrera**  
**County Clerk**

**Deanna Archuleta-Loeser, Member**

**Michael Brasher, Member**